

1 AN ACT in relation to public aid.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,  
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Illinois Public Aid Code is amended by  
5 changing Section 5-1 as follows:

6 (305 ILCS 5/5-1) (from Ch. 23, par. 5-1)

7 Sec. 5-1. Declaration of purpose of Article. It is the  
8 purpose of this Article to provide a program of essential  
9 medical care and rehabilitative services for persons  
10 receiving basic maintenance grants under this Code and for  
11 other persons who are unable, because of inadequate  
12 resources, to meet their essential medical needs.

13 Preservation of health, alleviation of sickness, and  
14 correction of handicapping conditions for persons requiring  
15 maintenance support are essential if they are to have an  
16 opportunity to become self-supporting or to attain a greater  
17 capacity for self-care. For persons who are medically  
18 indigent but otherwise able to provide themselves with a  
19 livelihood, it is of special importance to maintain their  
20 incentives for continued independence and preserve their  
21 limited resources for ordinary maintenance needs to prevent  
22 their total or substantial dependency.

23 (Source: Laws 1967, p. 122.)